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Oakhurst Baptist Church, Clarksdale, will host the institute at the same times on Jan. 21 and 22. The meetings at North Greenwood Baptist Church, Greenwood, will be one day only, at 9:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. on Jan. 23.

The two-day sessions will again be in effect with meetings at 7 p.m. and 9:30 a.m. on Jan. 27 and 28 at First Baptist Church, Crystal Springs and Jan. 28 and 29 at First Baptist Church, Laurel.

First Baptist Church, Wiggins, will host the institute on Jan. 30 at 9:30 a.m. and 7 p.m.

Woman's Missionary Union personalities to be participating from Birmingham, Ala., are Adrienne Bonham, Evelyn Blount, and Micky Martin. From Memphis, Tenn., the Brotherhood Commission participants will be Ben Connell, Charles Doggett, and Lee Holloway.

Leadership conferences will be held for those working with adults, young people, and children in both the Woman's Missionary Union and the Brotherhood in the local churches.

Integrity Crisis

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place finish, reported a harmonious reorganization of the Missouri Convention to solve the difficulties.

Only one editor wrote in a story on his ballot, giving a first place vote to a continued trend toward conservatism in the SBC.

Developments surrounding the integrity crisis included the Watergate tragedy, Nixon's resignation, Ford's inauguration and call for public morality and prayer, Ford's pardon of Nixon, Ford's address to Southern Baptists at a Brotherhood Commission-sponsored breakfast in Dallas, and reactions of religious leaders to all these events.

Wide ranging Southern Baptist response to disaster included not only response to tornados in the States, Bangladesh, and Honduras, but also a growing recognition and response to the world hunger crisis.

Heated Responses
The Committee of 15 study and final

report — which drew strong, and often heated responses from SBC agencies — referred "areas of concern," which the committee explored during its four years, to the agencies.

Only two items from the Committee of 15, a subcommittee of the SBC Executive Committee, were brought to the 1974 convention — the mission study committee proposal and a proposal to appoint another committee to study the Executive Committee itself. That other committee was, additionally, given the responsibility of studying an SBC name change. Both items were approved.

In previous years the SBC soundly defeated another recommendation, which the Executive Committee brought to the convention's annual session from the Committee of 15. That involved a proposal to abolish the SBC Stewardship Commission and put its work under the Executive Committee.

First

The developments surrounding women in the SBC involved a mixed bag. The SBC in Dallas, responding to Mrs. Richard Sappington of Houston for the second straight year, voted down a statement on freedom of women and a proposal to have a quota of women on SBC boards and agencies. The Oklahoma convention went on record in opposition to ordination of women.

But several Southern Baptist churches ordained women to the ministry and the District of Columbia Convention called for ordination of women on an equal basis with men.

In other actions, the Association of Southern Baptist Colleges and Schools called for equal rights for women in Southern Baptist schools, the Virginia Convention voted to give women equal pay for equal work; a woman succeeded to the Florida Convention presidency and a Southern Baptist woman educator called for a task force on women.

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"7. U. S. Senator Jesse Helms (R-N.C.) introduced a bill in Congress to deny public school children and parents legal protection against government imposed devotional activities. . .

"8. Advocates of parochial and government-sponsored religion stepped up their attacks on the religious neutrality of public schools.

"9. A concerted movement developed to label as 'anti-Catholic' even legitimate criticism of Catholic hierarchy policies adversely affecting religious liberty and public institutions.

"10. Americans United lost one bid before the Supreme Court, for technical reasons, to restore the tax-exempt status improperly revoked by the Internal Revenue Service in 1969. . .

"6. State aid for sectarian colleges was ruled unconstitutional in Tennessee and Nebraska, partially outlawed in Kansas, and upheld in Maryland

other federal and state courts continued their crackdown on tax aid for parochial schools. . .

"3. Four Roman Catholic cardinals, in an action unprecedented in the country's history, appeared at a U. S. Senate hearing to demand that the Constitution be amended to impose their views on all citizens on the question of freedom of choice on abortion.

"4. In May, voters in Italy solidly turned back a Vatican attempt to repeal the country's modest divorce law.

"5. President Ford reiterated his support for tax aid for parochial schools, despite Supreme Court rulings against such aid.

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Missionary Praises

Cooperative Program

I chose to write to you because you and I share the same year as our birth year. Thank you for being the support of our missionary endeavor.

G.A.'s are taught to tell the missionaries that they do not expect an answer to their letters, so sometimes we get letters saying, "We are praying for you, but we do not expect an answer." However, I do expect an answer from you, and I have full confidence that you can be depended on.

I expect our salary to come every month, and you have never even been late with that during the nineteen years we have been depending on you. Besides salary, money is expected for the weekly radio broadcast, for the student work at the University, for literature and tracts and for other missionary expenses. Because of you, my mind is relieved from the concern of money to be released to God for his work.

Congratulations on your fiftieth anniversary and be assured of my prayers and that I do expect an answer. Mrs. L. Parkes Marler, Guam.

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1974 — A Leaderless Parade Through Time

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and securities violations crippled retirement communities and such vast evangelical enterprises as those led by Rex Humbard, Charles Blair, and Jerry Falwell. Sunday schools in evangelical churches grew larger while those of liberal churches in general declined. A total of 62.4 per cent of Americans held a religious belief.

A Unitarian minister in 1974 prepared a "Rite for Divorce" formalizing a couple's "I Do's" to become two instead of one. Rev. Sun Myung Moon's heretical "One World Crusade," spawned in Korea, aggrandized in North America. Bank loans for churches dwindled and abuses in the church bond market were greater than in any other area of the financial securities market.

Christ's prayer that believers "all may be one" seemed less remote than in other years. And what unity was lacking in organization was realized in spiritual fellowship.

Missions

Bearers of Christ's Good News to a lost world reaped both victory and defeat throughout 1974. In a historic switch, Chinese Christians in Singapore sent \$1,000 to a low-income, Spanish-speaking Texas church. The total of national mission agencies in Asia rose to 200. India's runaway population kept the nation in the shadow of mass starvation, but the people responded to missionary outreach.

Korea hosted Expo '74, Campus Crusade for Christ's five-day training seminar which drew 303,000 registrants from 78 countries. Missions in Japan were handicapped by inflation pegged at 23 per cent increases; her Protestant population dropped; the energy crisis altered for the first time Japan's traditional job-for-a-lifetime arrangement, threatening to force the population into a free-floating society with its impending moral dangers.

China's allegiance to the "Little Red Book" lessened; Europe was called a "post-Christian society," making missionary effort difficult (for the first time there were more Baptists in Asia than in Europe). Evangelicals in Italy started the "Cornelius Corps"; Spain's evangelicals staged the first Iberian Congress on Evangelization for some 1,000 participants representing the country's 500 congregations and 35,000 evangelical believers — a first for Spain.

Same Status

Soviet Christians carried out programs of evangelism in a society where religion has the same status as pornography. Bible smugglers and radio broadcasts in Russian from outside abounded.

The eyes of the world were on Lausanne, Switzerland, in mid-1974, as 4,000 people (2,700 participants) from 150 countries met for 10 days to discuss in plenary sessions and in 80 strategy groups how to build new relationships between missionaries and national Christians in emerging churches. 85 per cent of the participants signed the 3,000-word "Lausanne Covenant" affirming their understanding of the purpose of God, the authority of the Bible, the church and evangelism, social responsibility and the return of Christ. Honorary Chairman Billy Graham was afterward elected interim chairman of a 48-member "continuation committee" directing the publication of Congress documents and a documentary film.

Africa presented a paradox: Outspoken nationals critical of missions suggested that perhaps Americans should "look to your own country."

as the United Methodist Bishop of Angola declared. Libyan Chief of State Col. Muammar el-Quaddafi declared that the African continent must rid itself of "European" Christianity which, he said, was a "tool of colonialism" — all this against reports of unprecedented growth among churches.

In Sierra Leone the largest evangelistic crusade in the country's history culminated a series of significant spiritual events. John Wilson, a resident of Kampala, said Uganda was "turning to God" in remarkable ways.

College sales boomed in Ghana. More than 1,800 decisions for Christ were recorded in Nigeria at a six-day evangelistic crusade sponsored by the Nigerian Baptist Convention.

The dreaded onslaught of mass starvation and epidemics touched nations from Ethiopia to the sub-Saharan where babies and adults died by the hundreds and where prolonged drought threatened an estimated five million people. Relief agencies invested huge amounts of money and manpower to fight the scourge.

First — Ever

This year the first-ever "Association of Evangelical Christians in the Sudan" was formed — a move typical of encouraging trends among Christian nationals in Africa. Evangelist Arthur Blessitt said he would like to see "Americans as 'people conscious'" as black Africans.

National missions thrived among the 277.1 million people of the Latin American mainland while traditional missionary enterprise slowed. A native of Peru declared that the church in the "Third World" is "acutely embarrassed" at the image of Christianity held in those parts of the globe, and that it was "attempting to live down and out-live the commonly held view that Christianity was in some way a part of the 'imperialistic plot' to dominate the world."

In Rio de Janeiro, 225,000 Brazilians jammed Maracana Stadium — world's largest — to hear Evangelist Billy Graham.

In Los Angeles, Dr. Graham told a Hollywood Bowl audience celebrating his big start in evangelism 25 years earlier, that the "time is short" for America.

Thirty-one churches in 17 states tested a special summer evangelism project via newspaper ads; the Evangelization Forum was begun, looking ahead to evangelistic activity during the United States' bicentennial.

The National Association for Media Evangelism was organized. Hundreds of evangelists and evangelism projects such as "Power 1974" in England enlisted millions of people in support of the Christian message. They found people craving moral and spiritual leadership in the complicated world of 1974.

Education

Secularized education left little room for the Christian message, although notable exceptions were recorded: Gideons distributed New Testaments in 20 Hoozler elementary schools; the Pennsylvania Supreme Court ruled that prayers in connection with public school ceremonies do not violate the Constitution; Minnesota's attorney general ruled that a church can require that students be released from public schools for religious instruction up to one day a week; and "teaching about religion" was promoted in 25 of the 50 United States.

On the debit side: Indiana officials fired a student for reading the Bible to his mathematics classes; a North Carolina teacher quit when officials threatened to fire her for arranging a minute of silent prayer with first-grade pupils; the California Board of

Education voted to replace a reference to the Bible in a science textbook with reference to the theory of evolution; intense opposition arose to meet President Ford's advocacy of Federal aid for parochial and private schools with state money and Florida public schools were ordered to stop scheduling spring vacations around Easter week end to eliminate the "direct and immediate effect of advancing religion."

College costs rose again (up 35 per cent in four years) and Christian

schools faced cutbacks as inflation reduced purchasing power.

Publishing

Forty-two percent of American families bought Bibles or other religious books in 1974 as the hot market for evangelical books continued. Paper shortages plagued major printing houses, but something new emerged: World Home Bible League's "Take Home" Bibles in motel rooms. High-flight began putting Bibles in airliners and the United Bible Societies approved a record \$10.9 million to trans-

late and produce Scriptures worldwide.

Sixteen publishing houses founded the Evangelical Christian Publishers Association. The Evangelical Press Association; Associated Church Press and Catholic Press Association rejoiced over Congress' Postal Bill S.411 which modified exorbitant mail costs for periodicals. Sunday school literature faced a 10 percent cost rise.

The global "Scripture language count" stood at 1,526 among a total of 5,687 languages listed by Wycliffe Bible Translators' updated Ethnologue. After 20 years of work, new Hungarian translations of the Old and New Testaments were ready for the presses. Christian publishing flourished in Russia. Paper shortages in Britain cut into Bible production by 20 per cent but the humbling presses continued to add an important dimension to the outreach of the Gospel worldwide.

Broadcasting

Since there is no roof on the world, the long arms of radio and television reached where missionaries could not go. Hundreds of weekly broadcasts were aimed at the Soviet Union, China, and remote outposts. One thousand broadcasters began the year at the National Religious Broadcasters' Washington, D. C. convention seeking ways to update their medium and expertise.

Television, "the beast among us," offered ratings showing that it is "the most important influence on American lives today."

Billy Graham successfully tied two cities together by TV and visual amplification for a simultaneous crusade in tidewater Virginia. A new TV series titled "Search" and featuring Bruce Larson was launched as a follow-up to Key 73's "More Than You Are" program. Moody Bible Institute's purchase of KCFA AM-FM in Spokane raised its radio network to seven stations. Back to the Bible Broadcast celebrated 35 years on the air; so did John Jess. Radio was still the best bargain in global evangelism.

Famine

Twelve nations were on the verge of bankruptcy in 1974 and world food reserves were adequate for only 27 days. Students hiked and biked to lobby for food funds; church leaders called their people to meatless diets and to repentance for past sins of omission; members of the World Council of Churches' Central Committee, jolted by a report on the helplessness of the world to feed its people, fell into silent prayer "too overwhelmed to speak."

Four agencies (Food for the Hun-

gry, World Gospel Crusades, King's Garden and the Seattle Association of Evangelicals) dedicated a C-47 airplane to carry food, medicine, and gospel literature to crisis areas of the globe.

A Jewish leader likened apathy toward hunger by rich nations to world apathy to the Nazi slaughter of Jews a generation ago. Bread for the World went national to openly campaign politically for the poor and hungry. Churchmen pressed reluctant government officials to reserve 10 percent of exportable commodities for food programs. A World Food Conference in Rome created a World Food Council to coordinate the global war on hunger. "We must act soon," U. S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger warned. "If we do not act boldly, disaster will result from a failure of will." The poor, said a missionary, may take up arms to demand their inheritance if it is denied them.

Deaths

Notable personalities who passed from the scene in 1974 included UPI Religion Editor Louis Casset; Frank Dewey Lockman, founder-president of the Lockman Foundation and sponsor of the New American Standard Bible; Ralph Freed, veteran Christian broadcaster with Trans World Radio; Clete A. Risley, president of the World Wide Christian Education Ministries (shot to death in a holdup attempt near his Chicago office); L. Richard Burnap, book editor of David C. Cook Co.; Virginia L. Bell, widow of L. Nelson Bell; George R. Warner, retired president of the World Gospel Mission.

1974 — what a year! a year of Watergate, amnesty, Lausanne and inflation . . . a year of the PLO, EPA, SLA and WIN! . . . a year of civilization which Malcolm Muggeridge described as being in an "advanced stage of decomposition" . . . a year in which Dr. Benjamin Spoke envied "parents who see God clearly and concretely, because they can then explain Him in a way that is easy for a child to understand."

The world of 1974 marched to a hundred different signals in a ragged column, but the Light that first came to Bethlehem 2,000 years ago still guided those with faith to see.

O Splendor of God's glory bright, From light eternal bringing light, Thou Light of light, light's living Spring, True Day, all days illumining.

—St. Ambrose of Milan



BMC Autograph Party For Swor-Scott Cook

During the autograph party held in the Blue Mountain College bookstore, Dr. Chester E. Swor and Scott Cook, Staley Foundation Lecturer and Living Art specialist, respectively, Dr. E. Harold Fisher, president of the host college, right, and Tom Saterfield, Director of Development, center, pause for a moment to chat with Dr. Swor. The author autographed a copy of his newest book, "Does It Really Matter?" and presented one to each. Dr. Swor, seated, is an alumnus of Blue Mountain College.

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He closed by saying that the only criteria by which the world can judge us is by the question, "Do you have love one for another?"

Mississippi Baptist young people, along with adult leaders, were present from every section of the state, most of them coming in bus loads from the churches.

Tom Larrimore, evangelical singer of Jackson, led congregational singing and directed a mass choir.

A testimony was given by Richard F. Wilson, Mississippi College stu-

dent, who has served as a student summer missionary.

Scripture and prayer were rendered by Kim Boone, of Quitman High School; Quitman; Ray Jones, Pearson Baptist Church; Pearl; Lisa Brannan, Gulf Coast Junior College; Perkins; Mike Steen, Northeast Junior College, Booneville, and Judy Sumrall, Delta State University, Cleveland.

Jerry Aultman of Columbia was organist, and Darrell Boggs of Laurel was pianist. Boggs is a graduate student at Mississippi College, and assistant to the Baptist Student Union director there.

"Sharing His Love" was the theme of the service.

The closing highlight was an evangelistic appeal by Mr. Walker to the unsaved present to come forward and an invitation for those pre-

sent who were ready to make a commitment to full-time vocational service, also to come forward.

More than 100 of those present responded to the appeals.

Other planning committee members were Mr. Hall; Kermit King, director of the Church Training Department; and Rev. Ralph Winder, director of the Student Department.

Dr. Earl Kelly, executive secretary-treasurer of the Convention Board, pronounced the benediction.

Monday night's service was the first annual Convention Youth meeting held at its new time — at the close of the Christmas holidays. It was formerly held each year at the close of the State Convention in November.

Excessive rain conditions in the northern portion of the state was judged to have affected attendance to some degree.

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EDITORIAL

Pray For Coming Billy Graham Crusade

Plans are moving forward rapidly in the preparations for the Mississippi Billy Graham Crusade which is scheduled for Mississippi Memorial Stadium in Jackson the week of May 11-18.

While not a great deal of publicity has been given to it, there has been much activity in recent weeks. Numerous committees have been hard at work, and much of the groundwork has been done, so that many preparatory events soon will begin to happen. Prayer meetings, witnessing training, and other activities all are being set, and the weeks and months ahead will see a quickening of movement related to the crusade.

Offices for the crusade have been established on the second floor of the American Public Life building on Woodrow Wilson Drive in Jackson, and a staff of paid workers, and a growing number of volunteers, all are hard at work preparing mailings, and doing other things related to the meeting.

However, people now are beginning to ask, "What can I do?" Pastors and church leaders are being kept informed of each step of preparation that is being taken, and will begin to call upon their people for increased activity as the time of the meeting approaches.

An Unfortunate, And Untrue Story

One of the first lessons which every newspaper man and news writer learns is the necessity for accuracy. The number one rule in good reporting is "Get the facts."

A glaring example of the failure to do this is found in a story concerning a "Lottie Moon" and her family, which appeared in the December 15, 1974, issue of The Commercial Appeal.

The story mainly concerns one "Ginny" Moon, who is identified as a sister of "Lottie" Moon, and tells of spy service during the War between the States, and other episodes in the lives of the women. "Lottie" Moon is listed as the older sister of Virginia (Ginny), and they are reported as coming from Ohio to Memphis. Lottie is identified as the one who later became the famed missionary of Southern Baptists. The newspaper story concerning her courtship experiences and marriage is not very complimentary, and the story has disturbed many Baptist people.

The truth is that the newspaper report is untrue as far as the Lottie Moon of Southern Baptist missionary fame is concerned. There may have been a "Ginny" Moon in Memphis who was a Civil War spy, and she may have had a sister named "Lottie," but that was

not the Lottie Moon who served Southern Baptists.

The Lottie Moon after whom Southern Baptists have named their great Christmas offering was born in Virginia and was never married. There is no record that she ever lived either in Ohio or Memphis, and neither did she die in China as the Commercial Appeal story reports.

Miss Marjean Patterson, Executive Secretary of the Woman's Missionary Union of the Mississippi Baptist Convention, has written a documented response to the Commercial Appeal story, and has asked for a retraction by the publication. She called attention to the unfortunate fact that the story appeared just prior to the annual Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions and Lottie Moon Christmas Offering in Southern Baptist churches.

Individuals who were disturbed by the Commercial Appeal need not be upset by its revelations, for they do not concern our own Miss Moon.

Evidently the Memphis State University student who wrote the story simply mixed up two families with the same name, and had not yet learned the journalism lesson of "Get the facts."

NEWEST BOOKS

A. T. Robertson Library, EPOCHS IN THE LIFE OF JESUS (192 pp., paper, \$2.95) EPOCHS IN THE LIFE OF PAUL (337 pp., paper, \$3.45) EPOCHS IN THE LIFE OF THE APOSTLE JOHN (253 pp., paper, \$2.95) EPOCHS IN THE LIFE OF SIMON PETER (342 pp., paper, \$3.45) (Broadman Press and Baker) Broadman, Press and Baker Book House have joined together in issuing a new paperback edition of the A. T. Robertson Library, consisting of four of the outstanding books by the late Dr. A. T. Robertson, long professor at Louisville Seminary. Dr. Robertson was one of the greatest Greek scholars who ever has lived and his writing is scintillating in its opening up of the shades of meaning of the New Testament text. These are classics and have been a blessing to preachers of the past generation. The publishers have now provided them for the new generation and they will enrich preaching and teaching as they are read. We recommend them to every preacher and teacher who does not already have these valuable books.

WORKS OF FLAVIUS JOSEPHUS translated by William Whiston Four volumes (Broadman, and Baker, over 2100 pp) Broadman and Baker present a new edition in four volumes of a work which long has been regarded as a religious classic. No serious student of biblical history, and especially of Jewish history can be without these books. Flavius Josephus was a Jewish writer in the first century. Probably he was born just a few years after the death of Christ, so he lived through the experience of the destruction of Jerusalem and the scattering of the Jews. The writings of Josephus covered the Jewish War which was these experiences of the first century, although the history actually begins back in the Maccabean period, the antiquities of the Jews, which is a history of the Jewish people from the time of creation, a biographical sketch called "The Life," and some other writings. This special edition includes a chapter on Josephus and Masada based upon recent excavations at Masada which have revealed many new things concerning the record that Josephus made. The publishers have done a worthwhile work in providing this beautiful, new edition of Josephus for modern readers.

literally thousands of different people will be involved in the revival effort, and more and more will find opportunity to serve as the time for the meeting nears.

Right now, one of the most important things that can be done, and one that every Christian can share in, is to pray for the meeting. Before long, special prayer meetings will start, but even now, in private devotions, in prayer meetings, in worship services, in classes and group meetings, and in many other ways, individuals and groups of Christians can begin to lift their hearts to God for the revival.

Mississippi and America needs revival above all else. We believe that God wants to send a true revival to Jackson and Mississippi. Let's pray and pray and pray, that it may come now!

Editor's Notebook:

Mississippi's "Mr. Baptist" In Washington

For the past quarter of a century Mississippi Baptists have had an unofficial "Mr. Baptist" in Washington, right in the heart of government activities. He was Mr. William M. "Fish Bait" Miller of Pascagoula, who has been doorkeeper of the House of Representatives for the past 27 years.

Millions of Americans have seen and heard Mr. Miller as he announced the coming of important persons, such as the President of the United States, as they were presented to joint sessions of the House and the Senate.

Multitudes of Mississippians have received personal courtesies from Mr. Miller when they visited the capitol.

Most people, however, have no idea of this dedicated Christian life of this government servant. Mr. Miller has been an active member of one of the capitol area Baptist churches through the years, attending not only the worship services, but also working in the Sunday School and Church Training program. He is a regular reader of the Baptist Record and often has called us to talk about something in the paper, or some part of our Baptist work in Mississippi. Last Spring he appeared on the Home Mission Board's "Spring Street, USA," TV program, at which time he said that being Christian came first in his life.

Now, at 65, "Fish Bait" is leaving the office after holding it for more than a quarter of a century. He was reelected again and again, but early last month was defeated by a younger man, chosen by the new House membership.

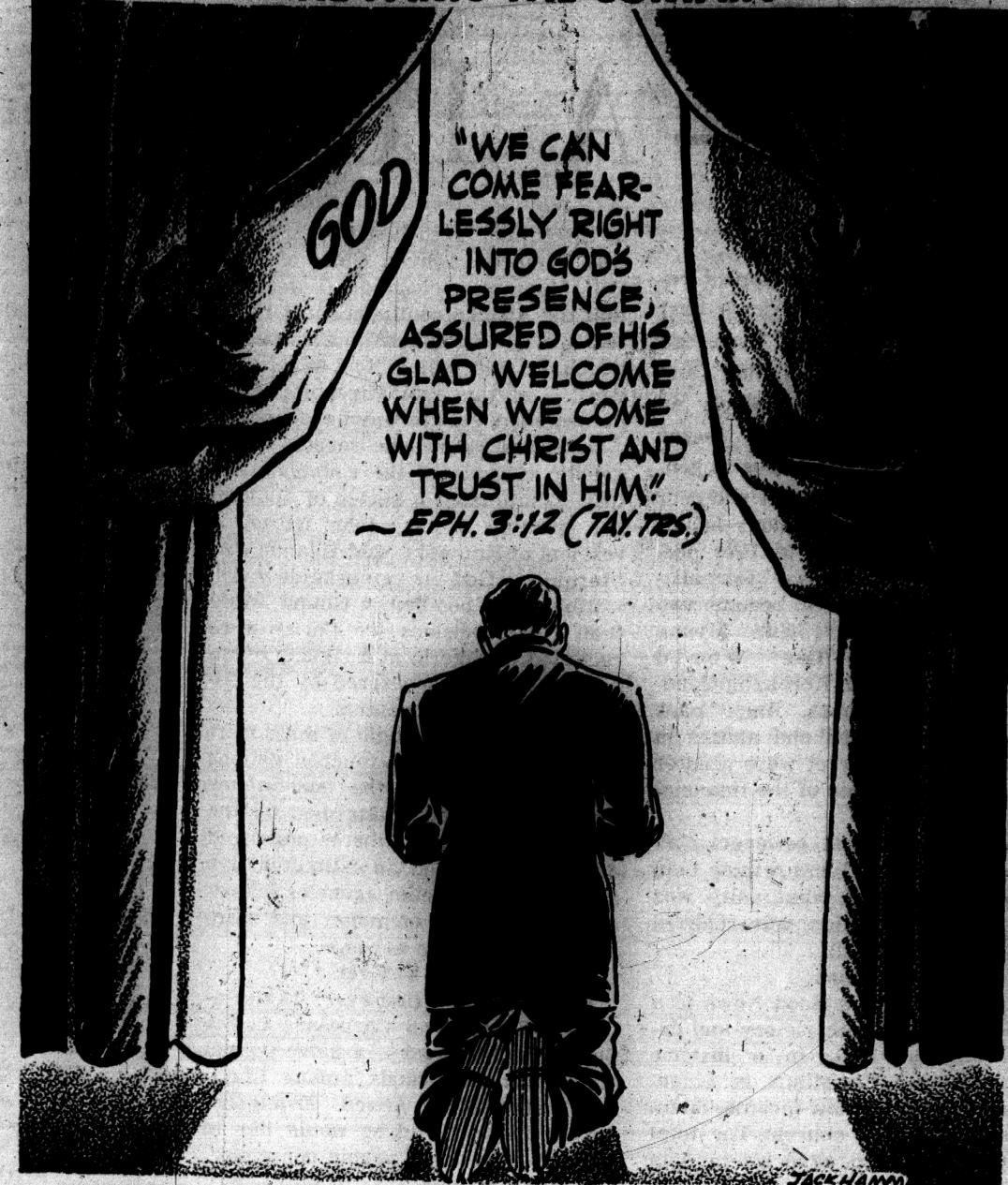
We do not know "Fish Bait's" future plans, whether he will stay in the Washington area, or return to his beloved native state. Wherever he is, however, we expect him to continue to be busy for his Lord. He can be sure that he always will be welcome back in Mississippi.

SERMONS ON THE TRAIL OF BLOOD

by A. A. Davis (A. A. Davis, First Baptist Church, Box 385, Nowata, OK 74048, 242 pp., paper, \$3.45) EPOCHS IN THE LIFE OF THE APOSTLE JOHN (253 pp., paper, \$2.95) EPOCHS IN THE LIFE OF SIMON PETER (342 pp., paper, \$3.45) (Broadman Press and Baker) Broadman, Press and Baker Book House have joined together in issuing a new paperback edition of the A. T. Robertson Library, consisting of four of the outstanding books by the late Dr. A. T. Robertson, long professor at Louisville Seminary. Dr. Robertson was one of the greatest Greek scholars who ever has lived and his writing is scintillating in its opening up of the shades of meaning of the New Testament text. These are classics and have been a blessing to preachers of the past generation. The publishers have now provided them for the new generation and they will enrich preaching and teaching as they are read. We recommend them to every preacher and teacher who does not already have these valuable books.

THE LONG DAY OF JOSHUA AND SIX OTHER CATASTROPHES by Donald W. Patton, Ronald R. Hatch, Loren C. Steinbauer, (Pacific Meridian, 328 pp., paper, \$3.75; cloth \$6.75) An amazing scientific study which seeks to explain the long day of Joshua and other biblically recorded and historically recorded catastrophes, from a scientific view. The authors present overwhelming evidence that for a period of 1700 years, the planet Mars repeatedly, or cyclically, made a close flyby near or through the earth's moon system. These flybys of Mars in a different orbit from the one it is today, created what is called a precession of the earth's planetary spin axis and evidently means a wobble. The flybys were in cycles that averaged 54 years and caused a repeated number of catastrophic events. Listed in the book are the Noachian Flood, A Tower of Babel Experience; The Sodom Gomorrah Catastrophe; the Exorcist Catastrophe; The Long Day of Joshua; The Great Davidic Catastrophe; The Joel Amos Catastrophe; and the Isaiahs Catastrophe. Many students of the Bible probably are unaware that some of these were actually catastrophic events. They think of them merely as biblically recorded miracles. Yet, these men as Bible believers, show how that the miraculous events actually could have been caused by natural conditions in the earth's planetary relationship. These writers are scientists and have done their work in a scientific manner by tables and charts, and historical records from many sources, they bring the proof of their theories. Here is a fascinating volume which studies events of the Bible and ancient history and finds scientific explanation of them. One of the authors, Dr. Patton wrote a previous book "The Biblical Flood and the Ice Epoch" based upon the same theories which are presented in this book. Concluding paragraph of the book says "Catastrophism is the doctrine that the Earth has experienced sudden overwhelming physical events in the past. Catastrophism is the doctrine of ancient historians. It is the Biblical doctrine, and it is the scientific doctrine."

HE PARTS THE CURTAIN



THE BAPTIST FORUM

Seeks Pictures Of Former Mississippians

Dear Sirs:

It has been suggested to me that you might be able to help me in securing pictures of some Baptist ministers, who preached in the early 1900's. I have almost finished writing the history of the Holt Baptist Church, near Tuscaloosa, covering a period of 70 years. I have a biography of each pastor the church has had and would like so much to have a picture of each one to go with it. I have pictures of each, except these four and hoped that among your records there might be some, even one would help — ANY KIND, large or small, I would return them, or we could copy them. Here is the list:

Rev. Mack Stamps, first pastor, 1904; Rev. W. L. Henson, 1905; Rev. L. S. Foster, 1907; Rev. H. D. Wilson, 1914.

I thought, perhaps, among the elderly church workers, some one might have a picture. The Rev. Foster's picture should be in many of the older records. Any help you could give me, even to find one, would be appreciated so very much.

Thanking you, I am, yours truly,

Mrs. A. W. Blackman
Box 238, Crescent Ridge
Tuscaloosa, ALA. 35401

Wants To Keep 'Wilda's Ironing Board'

Dear Brother Odle:

My day was saddened when I read in "Beyond the Ironing Board" by Mrs. Wilda Fancher that last week would be her last column. I do love Dr. Chester Swor and his writings, but could you please find another space in our great paper for Mrs. Fancher's column? I have enjoyed her so much and the Baptist Record won't be the same if her column is not in it. She is such a wonderful down-to-earth person, so please if possible keep her. Thank you.

Mrs. R. C. Perdue
First Baptist Church of Sharon
Laurel, MS

Wolves In Sheep's Clothing

Dear Editor:

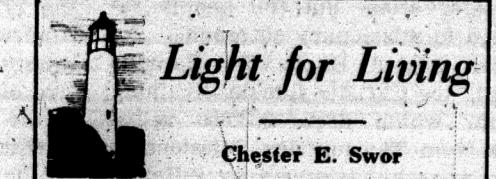
Wolves in sheep's clothing still lurk around the flock, unfortunately. A clever one got by us.

Earlier this year I shared with you a copy of a letter from a man in an Ohio prison who described his loneliness and wanted to correspond with some Christian people. Several editors were moved as I was by the man's poignant request and they published the prisoner's legitimate-looking request in their letters-to-the editor section.

Out of the goodness of his heart, the Baptist state secretary in Ohio and two pastors near the prison responded to the appeal, as did others. Apparently all of this compassion has been betrayed by the prisoner.

Editor Gene Puckett writes us that one of those trusting, concerned people was a woman who is a member of one of the Maryland Baptist churches. After six months of correspondence with the prisoner she was about to respond to his appeal for a loan or gift of \$10,000 when a wise pastor led her to be cautious and investigate further.

Several follow-up calls to Ohio revealed that although apparently nothing illegal had been done, such a financial transaction was inappropriate and unwise. When the woman



Although the comparison is right much similar to comparing an ant with an elephant, I do have one thing in common with the late General MacArthur; he promised to return to the Philippines as he retreated strategically to the Australian area of the Pacific during 1942, and I promised to "return to the Record" as I took my leave in early 1970. So, beginning this week, I have the happy privilege of visiting with you through the columns of our BAPTIST RECORD.

Since taking leave of my earlier column, I have traveled far, met many wonderful people, received endless blessings, survived hospitalization and surgery, "unmarried off" three wonderful young helpers, and now have a remarkable young associate who does LIVING AT THE — the traditional chalk talk with actual movement in the drawings. We are to leave for a month-long mission to Hawaii on January 2nd; and, upon returning, we shall begin schedule of twelve week in Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, South Carolina, Virginia, Tennessee, and Missouri, getting back to Jackson just in time for the wonderful Billy Graham Crusade. So, though I shall not be giving you bulletins of our weekly appointments, you will know that we are grateful for your asking God to guide, protect, and empower us in our travels and meetings.

Thank you, Mrs. Fancher, for your faithfulness in these intervening years, for your keeping the "heart-fires" burning as our readers have traveled with you "Beyond The Ironing Board." The accolade, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant," is surely applied to you and your splendid communications with our readers. May God give you a very special new year blessing.

did not show up with the money, Editor Puckett says that the prisoner's attorney made another attempt to secure the money. Editor Puckett says, "The correspondence gave a context for playing on the sympathy of a sincere person who really wanted to help."

The Christian spirit is vulnerable to the schemes and machinations of imposters, swindlers, defrauders, quacks, beggars and bamboozlers. This is a good time to recall Jesus' statement (Matt. 10:16) as translated in Good News for Modern Man, "Listen! I am sending you just like sheep to a pack of wolves. You must be as cautious as snakes and as gentle as doves."

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MISSION NURSES—Miss Marilyn Clark (left) of Natchez and Miss Ruthie Blue of Jackson, students in the School of Nursing at Mississippi College, show off some of the artifacts they brought back from their summer of working abroad. Miss Clark worked in the Baptist Medical Center in Nalerigu, Ghana, under sponsorship of the Baptist Student Union summer mission program. Miss Blue worked in a native hospital in Leogane, Haiti in the West Indies and was supported by the First Presbyterian Church of Jackson. (M.C. Photo by Norman H. Gough)

Christian Psychologist Teaching Seminar At William Carey, On Aging And Dying

Dr. William P. Osborn, a developmental psychologist at San Jose State University in California, is conducting a course on aging and dying, at William Carey College during January. The seminar, which began Tuesday evening, January 7, is designed to help persons maintain a positive attitude about themselves as they grow older, as well as to provide in-service training for physicians, nurses, ministers, and educators who serve senior citizens.

Dr. Osborn will divide the workshop materials into three developmental stages: maturing and power; retiring and adjustment; and dying and death. More than 500 persons on the West Coast have received credit for the three-week seminar through San Jose State University and the University of California, Berkeley. Credit may be received for this Mid-South presentation through the seminar at William Carey College.

Dr. Osborn developed his perspectives on aging and dying while supervising interns serving on terminal patient wards of San Jose hospitals. He has lectured on his experiences in Baptist churches in the United States, Mexico, and Canada, as well as at Golden Gate Baptist Seminary in California. He appeared on a talk show in British Columbia to discuss dying recently and received national

news coverage on his prediction that the 'venerable gray head' would replace the 'youthful look' as an advertising and sales focus by 1985.

Dr. Osborn, who completed his bachelor degree at William Carey College, serves the San Jose community in two capacities. He heads the Family Counseling Program at San Jose State University which provides specialities in marriage, retirement, bereavement, child or family crisis counseling. And recently Dr. Osborn joined the staff of Foxworthy Baptist Church in San Jose as a counseling psychologist, ministering through personal counseling and group therapy persons desiring psychological help with a Christian perspective.

The Carey seminary on aging and dying, will offer an option of one, two, or three semester hours of college credit. The course will meet each Tuesday and Thursday evening from 5 p.m. until 9 p.m., with a break for a snack meal. The six sessions, ending on Thursday evening, January 23, will cost \$30 per semester hour of credit desired. The class may also be audited according to the fee schedule in the Carey catalogue. The sessions will meet in the President's Dining Room of Wilkes Hall. All interested persons may appear for registration on the first evening or may call the school for further information.

Picayune Laymen Help Buy Church In New York

By Fletcher Allen

Ira and Betty Craft of Columbia, S.C., are an example of a family involved in world missions.

Seven years ago, Ira resigned from a prosperous position as vice president for a major shoe company to devote his full energies to Baptist missions efforts in pioneer areas and around the world.

Ira accepted the position as executive director of Baptist Missions, Inc., a lay witnessing foundation organized by Bill Gurley of Memphis.

The foundation works through official channels at the Home Mission Board, and with the state conventions, associations and local Southern Baptist churches in pioneer areas.

Baptist Missions, Inc., generates about \$70,000 annually for Baptist work in pioneer areas—above expenses. And the only expenses are travel costs. Craft lives off savings and investments. He emphasizes that "every cent given by a church or an individual to a pioneer mission or like project, goes directly for that cause."

Ira's main task, however, is not so much leading evangelism and renewing programs himself, as it is inspiring and motivating other laymen to get personally involved in mission.

For example, not long ago, Ira was gone from his office home for a few hours, and when he returned, Betty gave him two telephone messages.

The first was from a church in Rochester, N.Y., that needed \$10,000 for a down payment on a Methodist church building that was for sale. Until then, the Baptist congregation had been meeting in rented quarters.

The second phone call was from Bill Duncan of First Baptist Church, Picayune, Miss., who wanted to know when Ira could come down and challenge his people.

Ira followed up on both phone calls. First he went to Rochester and investigated the needs.

Then he went to speak at the Picayune church, and later to the Association of the Brotherhood annual meeting in Picayune. That night, the laymen attending the Brotherhood meeting raised \$10,000 to answer the challenge from Rochester.

Later, Ira asked Betty when those two phone calls came. "The call from Rochester came 15 minutes before the call from Picayune," she replied.

"Isn't it exciting what the Lord is doing?" Ira concluded.

—Condensed from World Mission Journal.

Billy Graham Mississippi Crusade

Church Women Are Invited To Attend Prayer Meeting Planning Session

Church women from all churches in Jackson and surrounding cities are invited to attend a Billy Graham Crusade home prayer meeting planning session, to be held at the First Presbyterian Church, 1390 N. State, Jackson, on Wednesday January 22 at 10:00 a.m. The meeting will be in the sanctuary, but a pre-session fellowship period will be held in the Youth Building beginning at 9:30 a.m.

Principal speaker for the occasion will be Miss Bonnie Barrows of the crusade team. She is the daughter of song leader Cliff Barrows. Miss Barrows will present full plans for the

women's prayer meeting which are to precede the Mississippi Crusade, which is scheduled for next May.

These prayer meetings are being planned to be held in hundreds of homes. An effort will be made to schedule them in every block, in every city within a fifty mile radius of Jackson. Radio programs are set to be a part of the prayer meetings, with each group tuning in a special devotional message as a part of the prayer session program. Full details and organization plans will be made at the coming meeting, according to Mrs. Billie Greenlee, chairman of

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Names In The News

Mrs. Burns Barrett has been elected vice-president of the Maryland Ministers' Wives Fellowship. Her husband is pastor of First Church, Frederick, Md. Mrs. Barrett, the former Clotine Hughes, is a Mississippian and was at one time secretary to Joe Abrams in the Baptist Record. Also her mother, Mrs. Preston Hughes, was for many years employed in the mailing department of the Baptist Record.

Dr. Sidney Buckley, minister of music at First Church, Easley, S. C., was recently guest soloist at Bunker Hill Church, Columbia. His sister, Mrs. Austin Wilks, is the music director. Rev. David Perry is pastor.

Bill Carroll, pictured, minister of music at McDowell Road Church, Jackson, has announced his resignation, to enter fulltime music evangelism. Mr. Carroll has served churches in Mississippi, Texas and Tennessee during his 12 years in the music ministry and has done extensive evangelistic work. He became available for meetings January 1, 1975. He may be contacted through the Marshall Baptist Church, Bluebird Lane, San Antonio, Texas.

Blue Mountain College Department of Music will present Charles P. Phillips, pianist, in a lecture-recital (Famous Women Composers of the Past) in Garrett Hall on January 9, at 8 p.m. Phillips is currently serving as assistant professor of music at Jackson State University. The public is invited. There is no admission fee.



West Corinth Church, Corinth has licensed James M. Lewis, Jr. to the ministry. He is shown at left receiving his certificate of license from his pastor, Rev. Wayne Campbell. A student at Blue Mountain College, he is currently serving West Corinth Church as minister of music and youth. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James M. Lewis, Sr. of Nicholasville, Kentucky.

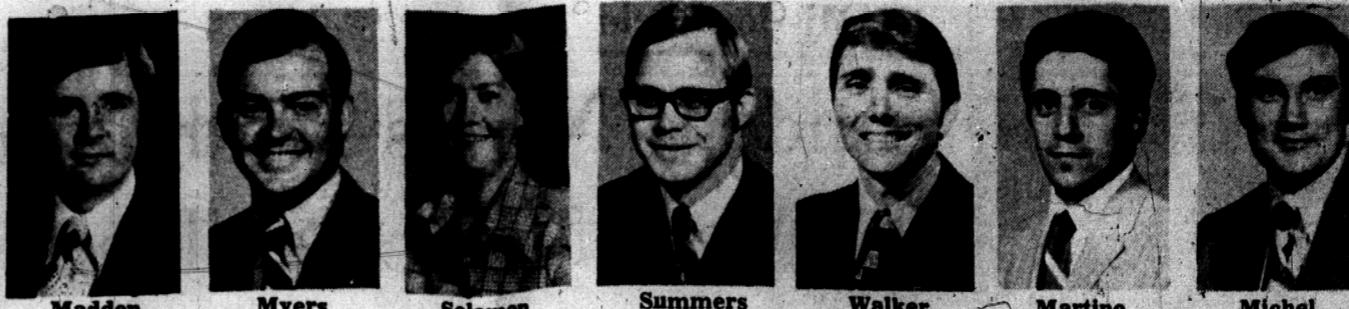
Rev. Ray Hill is the new pastor of Mt. Zion Church, Lowndes County. Mr. Hill formerly was pastor at Center Hill in Hamilton. He and his wife, Betty, have three teenage daughters — Teresa, Linda, and Kathy.

Brother Helps Brother

Dr. Stanley A. File, pastor of Broadmoor Church, Gulfport, will teach the January Bible Study in Acts, January 19-22, at Immanuel Church, Columbus, and will also preach in services there on the 19th. Dr. File is the brother of Rev. Jerry File, the Immanuel pastor. Born in Biloxi, he graduated from William Carey College and did graduate studies at New Orleans Seminary; USM; Antioch Baptist College, Marietta, Ga.; and North Georgia Baptist Seminary, Dalton, Ga. He formerly served pastorate in Gulfport; Pearl River County; Yazoo County; Renton, Washington; and Juneau, Alaska. His retirement from the latter was forced in 1969 due to his illness with leukemia. He returned to Mississippi for more treatments. He then taught and served on the administrative staff of Antioch Baptist College until accepting the pastorate of the Broadmoor Church.

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Seven From State Graduate At Southwestern
FORT WORTH, Texas — Seven Mississippi natives received degrees during winter commencement exercises at Southwestern Seminary, December 20. They were: Myers, Jr., Magee, MRE; Margaret Ann Solomon, Vicksburg, MRE; Stacy Allen Summers, Tupelo, MDiv; Robert H. Walker, Jackson, MDiv; Angelo P. Martino, Union, MDiv; David A. Michel, Brookhaven, MDiv.



Raymond Road Begins Children's Church

Raymond Road Church, Jackson, has started a children's church, bottom photo, led by the new associate pastor, Rev. Robert McDonald. They also have a new bus ministry.

On Miracle Day, November 24, the church had a record breaking crowd of 279 in Sunday School and well over 300 in morning worship.

Statistics issued by the Sunday School director reveal tremendous growth. In May, 1974, the church averaged 98 in Sunday School, and in November, 1974, the average attendance was 178.

Pastor James Whittington says, "The church is in an area of great residential expansion and with the present pattern of church growth, we feel that we are on the threshold of something really great."

The church recently voted on a long range building program.

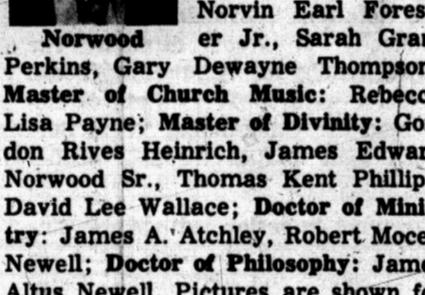


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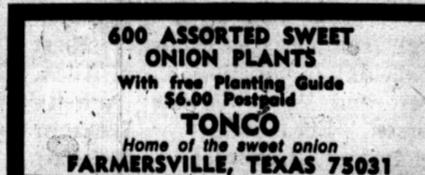
LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Eleven students from Mississippi received their seminary degrees during graduation exercises December 20 at Southern Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky.

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MOMBASA, Kenya — Mombasa Baptist High School recently graduated its ninth class. Chairman of the Kenya Baptist Convention, Arthur Kinyanjui, was the principal speaker of the evening.



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Jeff Broome Dies

Jeffery Wayne Broome, 8 year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. James Hugh Broome of 303 Lionel Road, Pearl, died Thursday morning, Dec. 19, at Baptist Hospital, after a lengthy illness. Services were held at 2 p.m. Friday, Dec. 20, from the Pearl First Baptist Church.

In addition to his parents, Jeffery is survived by a brother, James Hugh Broome, Jr., of Pearl; his paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Broome of Braxton; his maternal grandparents, O. D. Hines of Pearl.

Jeff's mother, Mrs. Peggy Broome, is a former long-time employee of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

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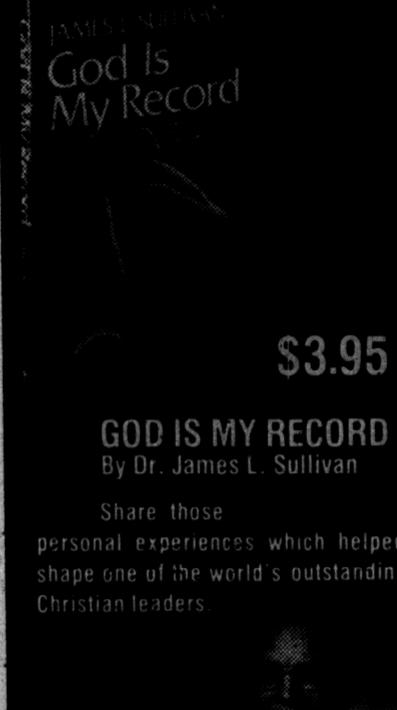
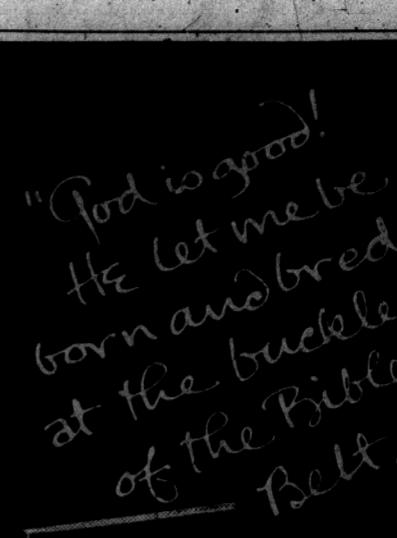


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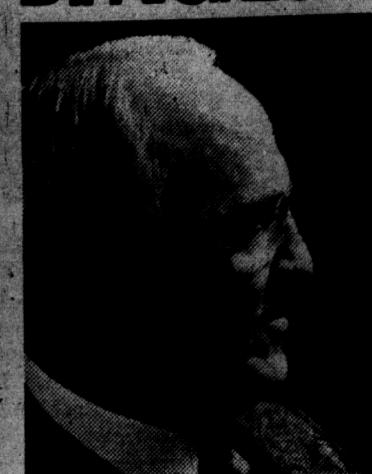
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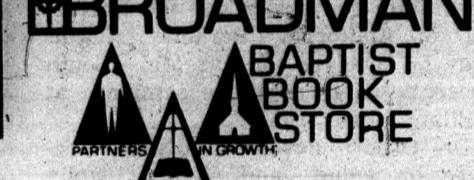


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Jesus—The Suffering Savior

By William Fallis

Mark 8:27-38; 10:32-34; 15:21-39
This is the third of our four lessons on Jesus as the "New Man" through whom the living God was and is still whom the living God was and is based solely on material in Mark, which most people feel was the first Gospel to be written. None of the Gospels is just a biography of Jesus; each one presents a distinctive interpretation of the Master. Mark was probably written in or near Rome perhaps after Peter's death with the hope that it could give guidance and strength to Christians in a time of persecution and uncertainty. This vivid and convincing account gave them courage to follow him. Especially did they need to know why he had to die and why they were expected to risk their lives in loyalty to him. For so long, suffering had been seen as punishment for sin.

The Lesson Explained DISCOVERING THE CHRIST (vv. 27-30)

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That was the background for his question to the disciples in the area of Caesarea Philippi. Their answers showed that the people were much impressed by the young teacher. For a long time the people had expected Elijah to return to prepare Messiah's way, and John the Baptist had actually claimed to be the forerunner. So, the people were thinking in terms of the Messiah, but it was left to Peter to make the great discovery.

When Jesus asked the disciples what they thought, Peter said, "You are the Messiah." That confession meant much more to him than we can imagine. The word means the "anointed one," the one chosen by God to accomplish God's will with his people. Most Jews of that time expected the Messiah to lead them to overcome their enemies and restore the glory of the Davidic kingdom. Who could be a better leader than this young teacher who could heal disease and feed the hungry? But Jesus responded by warning them not to tell anybody what they had discovered.

REBUKING THE TEMPTER (vv. 31-33)

Now that the disciples had reached this point, Jesus must have felt it was time to lead them further into understanding the work of the Messiah. Instead of a crown, victory, and acclamation, Jesus said he would be rejected by the religious leaders and would be killed. The disciples may have been so shocked that they did not hear him say he would rise again.

As Jesus made it plain what he expected to endure, Peter took him aside "to rebuke him." He had his own idea about the Messiah, and he did not want it disturbed. Traditionally

it was more important than the words of Messiah himself. Perhaps he feared that fanaticism, idealism, or self-pity had led Jesus to distort his sense of purpose. Whatever it was, Jesus turned away from him and said: "Satan, you think like men and not like God!" The very man who had just made the great discovery now became Jesus' adversary because he was urging Jesus to forsake God's interpretation of the Messiah. Two other passages in Mark (9:30-32 and 10:32-35) show that the disciples did not accept that view.

CHALLENGING THE FOLLOWERS (vv. 34-38)

If verse 27 means that Jesus raised the identity question while he and the disciples were walking along the road, the setting of verse 34 could be a village where they stopped. Any way, "the people" were there, and Jesus talked to them and to his close followers about the hard requirements for real discipleship. To deny self does not mean giving up some comfort or habit; it means changing self-centeredness to God-centeredness. Taking up one's cross is more than enduring some handicap or disaster; it is another way of saying that self is giving way to God. This is essential to daily following Christ.

In verses 35-37 one Greek word is translated two ways: "life" and "soul." It means a person's real being what he really is. This is not a contrast between "soul" and "life." Jesus was saying that measuring life by personal security above other values will mean losing one's real self. But using up oneself for the Master's sake is a sure way to preserve that self.



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Sunday School Lesson: Life and Work

Willing To Sacrifice Self

Exodus 3:1-6; 32:30-34; Deut. 32:48-52.

By Bill Duncan

Life is a calculated risk. Yet, every day we meet people who are willing to sacrifice themselves for the sake of others or a worthy cause.

Cowardice asks, "Is it safe?"

Experience asks, "Is it proven?"

Pride asks, "Is it popular?"

Greed asks, "Is it profitable?"

Doubt asks, "Is it practical?"

Conscience asks, "Is it right?"

Christians ask, "Is it God's will?"

I remember one day when my secretary called and said, "Joe (not his name) is in the hospital and the doctor has just come in and told him he has TB. The family is very upset."

We had not had many cases of TB diagnosed in recent years. But I remembered the years of heartache when families suffered with their loved ones. I stopped what I was doing and went over to the hospital. At the nurse's desk, I asked if Joe was in isolation and she said he was. Then came the time of decision. Was I to go in and visit with the patient? I breathed a prayer asking for direction and felt it God's will for me to go in and pray with and for the patient. After the visit I was advised by the family to get a doctor's check-up, etc. I did not feel it was necessary. At that time and point, I felt it was God's

will for me to risk the chance under precaution.

This may have been a typical day in the life of a busy pastor. You know of risks that you have faced. What is it in you that makes you willing to sacrifice yourself for others? Our history books abound with names of persons who were willing to sacrifice self.

Have you ever thought of the risk that Moses had to take in order to fulfill the mission God had for him? Moses was willing to sacrifice ease, security and solitude to relieve his people of the suffering of slavery.

Concern is the basis for risk. Genuine concern always results in action. Misguided concern can result in wrong action. It did in the case of Moses when he killed the Egyptian and buried him in the sand. But concern that is right will lead one even to risk his life.

Moses was a man whose life was marked by the dimension of true goodness and greatness." The call of God was for Moses a task that shocks us in our day. He was confronted with an undertaking which resulted in a drama of conflict, struggle, doubt and fear. Yet, because he had faith to believe that God was faithful, he was able to accomplish "great things for God."

The burning bush experience shows us the supreme concern God has for one person and the compassionate purpose of God toward one life. God captured the attention of Moses and

turned him in the right direction. God stirred the concern of Moses for his people. He could not forget his true family in need.

The commitment of Moses to go and lead the people of Israel out of Egypt was expressed in his faith. The decision of commitment to God's will will leave no room for mere well-wishing and empty professionalism and part-time participation. The sheer impossibility of the task from the human standpoint, brought forth the reaction of doubt and protest. Moses' final faith in the presence of God and the assurances of His pledge overcome his doubt and protests.

Assurance is necessary in overcoming obstacles. The assurance of the risen Lord is the antidote to an overwhelming sense of personal inadequacy. A vital relationship to the Lord helps one to be adequate for the most difficult days.

Dr. J. Hardee Kennedy said in his book *The Commission of Moses and the Christian Calling*:

"Reduced to essence, this was the two-phase answer of God to the complaint of Moses that his niggardly talent was unequal to his colossal task: It is God's prerogative to provide the talent; it is man's part to perform the task. It is man's privilege to dedicate all that he has received; it is God's pleasure to consecrate all that he has given."

Frank Holliday Ferris said:

"It is man's business to do the will of God.

It is God's business to take care of that man.

And therefore a man should never be afraid of anything."

Moses finally surrendered and obeyed God's will. We see that he surrendered to the call without complete understanding of its implications for the future. Yet, the enormity of the task commanded, and the extreme cost of obedience in the faithful performance of it, were never minimized, camouflaged, or denied by God. There was a risk.

The end of Moses' life does not read like a storybook. We started with the baby in the basket and end on Mt. Nebo, rejected. He had led the people out of bondage, through 40 years of wandering and now he was not allowed to enter. Was his life a failure? Moses did not think so. When he sinned by striking the rock in anger, rather than speaking to the rock, God told him he would not be allowed to enter the Land of Promise. When he reached the border, he accepted God's judgment and offered no argument.

One moment of impatience denied Moses the joy he so much deserved. This was not unfair. It was a part of the will of God. In his meekness, he had so completely surrendered himself to God's will that God's will was his will.

Effective service for others will always require us to subordinate our personal security for the welfare of those we serve. We can seldom accomplish anything worthwhile for others if our basic objective is to keep ourselves safe from criticism or opposition. In order really to serve we have to risk "getting our hands dirty."

Smith County Makes Plans For Mid-Winter Bible Conference



A Mid-Winter Bible Conference, sponsored by Smith County Association, will be held January 19-22 at First Church, Raleigh.

Conferences will be held each night, Sunday-Wednesday, at 7, and Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday mornings at 10.

Dr. Earl Kelly, executive secretary-treasurer, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, will lead studies in the book of the Revelation. Dr. Joe Tuten, pastor of Calvary Church, Jackson, will lead studies in the servant passages of the book of Isaiah.

Dr. Harper Shannon, pastor, Huffman Church, Birmingham, Alabama, will bring the inspirational messages.

Martha Branham, Southern Baptist concert soprano, Dallas, Texas, will be guest singer.

Special conferences will be held at night for children, ages 6-12. A nursery will be provided for the night conferences.

Rev. Charlie Bryant, Smith County superintendent of missions, is director of the conference. Rev. W. C. Burns, pastor at Taylorsville, will be the music director.

Rev. Doyle Caples is moderator of Smith Association.

Carey To Offer Free Bible Courses

William Carey College will again offer two free evening Bible courses beginning with the spring semester, January 23.

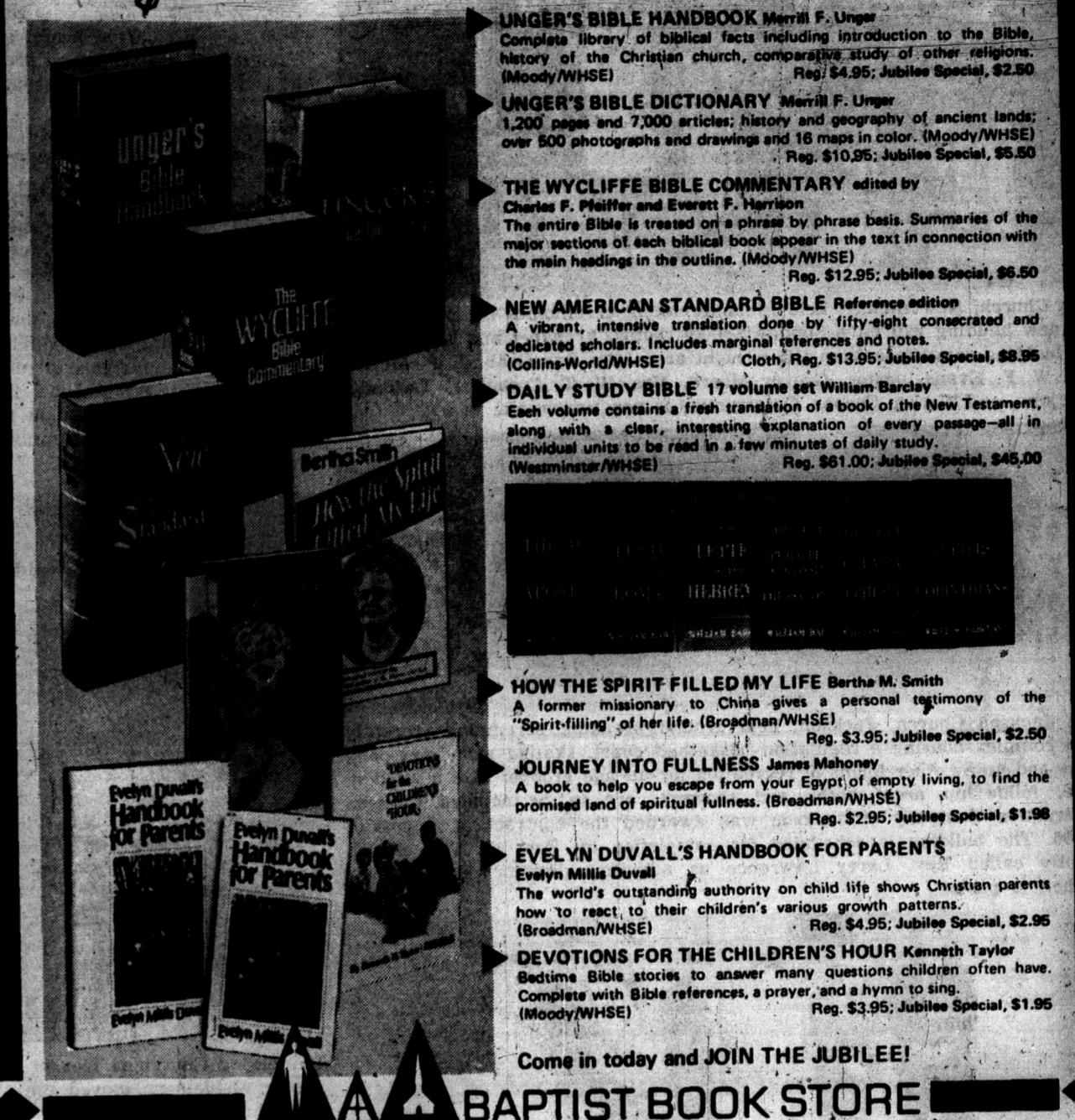
New Testament Survey will be taught by Dr. Jerry Oswalt, Chaplain of the college and professor of religion. The Life and Letters of Paul will be taught by Dr. Don Stewart, chairman of the department of religion. Both classes will meet on Thursday evenings for three hours, from 6 until 9 PM, beginning on January 23.

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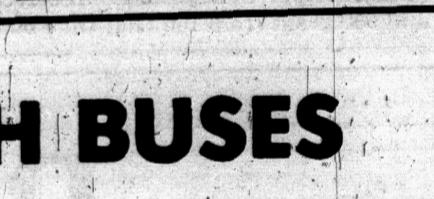
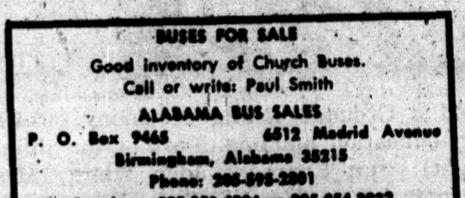
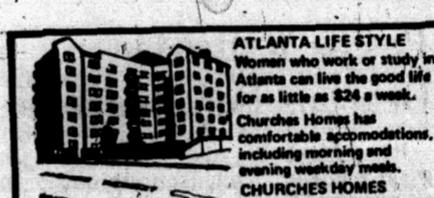
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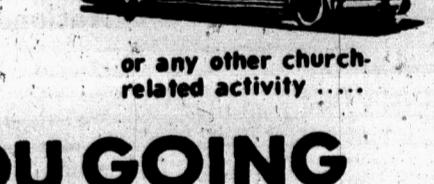


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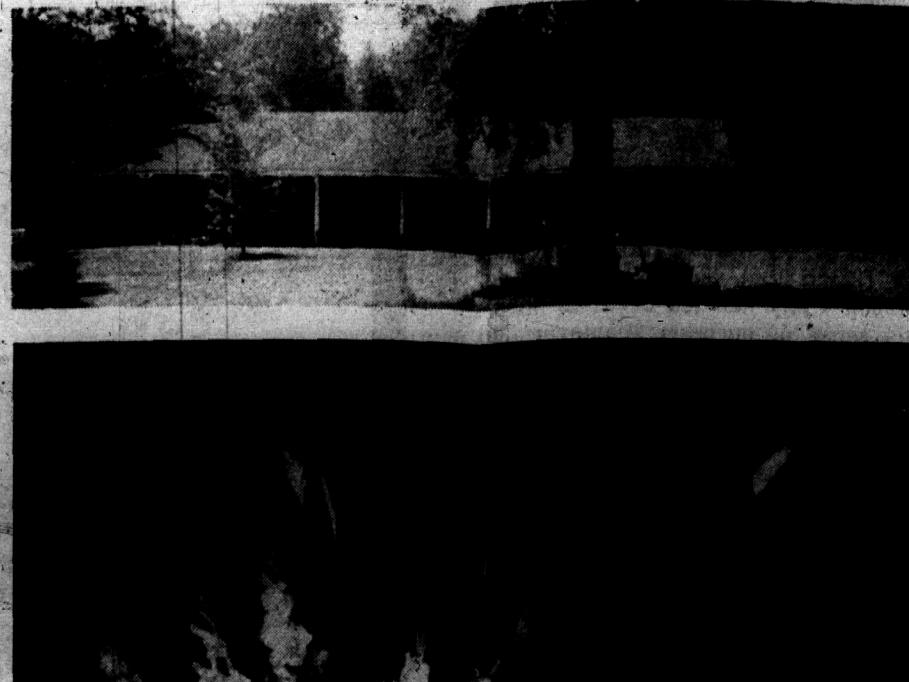
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Note Burnings And Ground Breakings



First Church, New Albany, held groundbreaking ceremonies on December 8. The new building will have Sunday School rooms, a chapel and music suite. The building committee from left to right are: John Ray Cobb, J. P. McGee, Rev. W. F. Evans, pastor, Grover Moore, Mrs. W. T. Cornelius, Talmadge Littlejohn, and Warren Cooper. Construction is now underway.



Calvary Church, Silver Creek, burned the note November 24, on their three-bedroom pastorium, top photo. The house, bought in 1970, was paid for in July, 1974, ten months before maturity date. (Yet Calvary continues to lead in contributions to missions.) Dr. James McLemore, former pastor, now pastor at 38th Avenue, Hattiesburg, was guest speaker. Mrs. Charlotte Ready of Monticello brought special music. Left-to right, bottom photo, are Dr. McLemore; Rev. Tommy Clay, pastor; Kelly Miller, treasurer; J. P. Cassels; and James May.



Morgan Chapel (Oktibbeha) (top photo) held a note burning ceremony November 20. Two years ago the entire building was renovated and a fellowship hall with kitchen was built. Central heat and air were installed; new carpets and drapes were bought, as well as new cushions for the pews; a new baptistry and a pastor's study were added; and concrete sidewalks were constructed. The noteburning (bottom photo), in conjunction with a Harvest Supper, signified that all these new features are now paid for.

Rev. Eddie M. Brady has been pastor of the church since February, 1974. A native of Bay Springs, he graduated from Southwestern last spring. He and his wife have a new baby daughter.

Rev. Bob Rouse was pastor at the time the building was renovated.

Burning the note, front row, are Cecil Carpenter, deacon and building committee chairman; Rev. Eddie M. Brady, pastor; Auvergne Jackson, treasurer; and back row: Deacons Barrot Morgan, Bud Gillis, Jack Henry, and Terrell Morgan.

Carey Chorale

On Winter Tour

William Carey College's outstanding Carey College Chorale, under the direction of Dr. Donald Winters, began its annual 15-day winter tour on January 2. Performing throughout Mississippi, Alabama and Florida, the 50-voice choir will sing for both church and school audiences. There will be one performance in Arkansas.

Mississippi performances will include First, Booneville; East Heights Church, Tupelo; Highland, Laurel;

Northminster Church, Jackson; and First, Leland.

Twenty-five of the 1974-75 Chorale members hold positions as choir director, accompanist, or soloist in various churches in the Hattiesburg area. A large percentage of Chorale members traditionally begin graduate studies immediately upon completion of their undergraduate work at William Carey College. Many former members have earned doctorates and are teaching in colleges and universities in the South.

The Carey Chorale dates from 1956 when Dr. Donald Winters came to the college from a position in the School of Music at Southern Baptist Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky.

All-Day Seminar Planned At N. O. Hospital

Dr. Myron C. Madden, director of the department of pastoral care, Southern Baptist Hospital in New Orleans, will lead an all-day seminar for the enrichment of clergy and laymen, January 14, in the Hospital auditorium.

He has chosen for his subject, "Our Emotional Transactions: How We Bargain, Vow and Pay."

The seminar is the fifth in a series sponsored by the Pastoral Care and Counseling Center of Baptist Hospital. Dr. Madden is supervisor of the Center and Chaplain Robert E. Pearce its director.

Pastors and laymen are urged to make reservations for the seminar through Chaplain Pearce at (504) 889-8311, Ext. 230. Hours of the program are from 9:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M., and registration fee is \$15.00.

Off The Record

"Doc, tell me in plain words exactly what's wrong with me."

"Alright, in plain words, you are just lazy," said the doctor.

"Now, Doctor," the patient replied, "give me the medical term to tell my friends."

A highway patrolman observed a trucker on the road ahead alight from his cab and with a heavy mallet tap the side of his truck vigorously on all sides and then get back in and drive on. Still following the truck some distance behind, he saw the man repeat the performance. When this happened the third time the patrolman could not withhold his curiosity any longer and stopped the trucker to ask just what he was doing.

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"Yes," said the patrolman, knowing there was one there.

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The More Important Consideration

by Joe W. Burton

As one thinks about the present proposal to change the name of the Southern Baptist Convention he will almost surely conclude that this incidental amounts to a preoccupation with trivialities.

Certainly the primary objective of any body of Christians is not to find a proper geographical or theological designation. The significant challenge to a body of Christians is not to find the name by which they shall be designated.

Rather, it is important to live up to the great Name by which they have been called. Living up to that Name is at least implied in the apt name which W. O. Carver gave to his thrilling exposition of Ephesians,

The Glory of God in the Christian Calling. We have been, and are called Christians. Our challenge is to live up to that name.

Do we live up in doctrine? In practice? In behaviour?

It is not really very important whether we shall be known as the Southern Baptist Convention, or by any other self-approved term. Really, the significance of a name is earned by a way of life, by demonstrated traits of identification, by living proof and spirit.

To be preoccupied with official designation is seemingly to be oblivious to vital responsibility. Our challenge now is not so much to find a suitable name as it is to be worthy of the Name by which Christians have ever been called.